

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 1999. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,631,783 issued to Park ("Park").

The Examiner gave a blanket 102(e) rejection of claims 1-20 without specifying how Park anticipates each and every element of all claims. Applicant believes that the dependent claims have not received fair examination in the previous Office Action. Applicant has amended claims 1-20 in order to more particularly claim the subject matter of the present invention.

The present invention recites a disk having a plurality of tracks. Each track includes a group having first and second sectors where each of the first and second sectors within the group includes first and second servo fields. The first servo field in each of the first and second sectors provides a portion of higher order bits of a track position information, and the second servo field in each of the first and second sectors providing lower order bits of the track position information. The first servo fields of the first and second sectors and the second servo field in one of the first and second sectors, in combination, provide the track position information.

Applicant respectfully contents that Park fails to anticipate or render obvious the present invention. Park relates to a magnetic disc apparatus employing constant density recording and an access method of a magnetic disc driver for accessing data. Park does not disclose, teach, or suggest providing portions of higher order bits of

track position information over at least two sectors, and providing lower order bits of track position information on each of the at least two sectors.

On the other hand, the present invention provides portions of track position information on at least two sectors, rather than on each sector, to maximize media space. The saved media space is then used for storage of data.

Consequently, Applicant respectfully contends that the claims are patentably distinct over the cited art references and allowance thereof is respectfully solicited.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks made above, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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